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MOBILE CONNECTION IN GUJARAT, KERALA AND TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile phones of various companies in Gujarat, Kerala and Tamil Nadu district-wise, till date; and

(b) the number of new mobile connections provided in the said States since January 1, 2000 and till date company-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b): Sir, for Cellular mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) Licences,the country is divided into 23 Service Areas consisting of 4 Metro City Service Areas (viz. Delhi,Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai) and 19 Telecom Circle Service Area. A subscriber of CMTS belongs to the whole of a Service Area and not to a particular district within the Service Area.

The company-wise and Service Area-wise number of cellular mobile telephones in Gujarat, Kerala and Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle Service Areas as on 31.03.2003 and also the number of new mobile connections provided in the said states since January 2000 are all given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Telecom Circle Service Area	No. of Operators in the Service Area	Name of the Licencee Companies	No. of CMTS Subscribers as on 31.3.2003	No. of CMTS Subscribers as on 1.1.2000	No. of Subscribers Added during the period 1.1.2000 to 31.3.2003
1	Gujrat	4	Fascel Ltd.	457196	79752	377444
			IDEA Cellular Ltd.	240029	27776	212253
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd	275691	-	275691
			Bharti Cellular Limited	72310	-	72310
2	Kerala	4	BPL Cellular Limited	148206	39552	108654
			Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd.	250632	41229	209403
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	203931	-	203931
			Bharti Cellular Limited	57625	-	57625
3	Tamil Nadu	4	BPL Mobile Cellular Limited	161305	42292	119013
			Aircel Ltd.	229779	28861	200918
			Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	160089	-	160089
			Bharti Cellular Limited	63860	-	63860

Note:- The Subscriber figures mentioned above are as intimated by Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on behalf of the Cellular Operators.